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Chief's ward kill a leopard they bring the corpse to the sacred rock near the Madaki's ward and shout, "We have killed your son, come and bury him." Leaving the corpse on the rock, they run back home, for if they were caught by the Madaki men they would be charged with having murdered one of their number. The corpse is then taken to the sacred hut by the Madaki men who skin it, using their nails instead of a knife, which is taboo. It is eaten ceremonially by the grown-up men, young lads receiving merely some of the juice. The skin is thrown out and is appropriated later by those who had killed the leopard. All the members of Madaki's ward are believed to have the power of turning into leopards. Indeed, all the Jaba are believed by the neighbouring tribes to be wer-animals. It is said that there is a female society which exists for this purpose. The senior members prepare all corpses (male and female) for burial, and during the burial-rites parents hand over their daughters to be initiated into the wer-animal rites. These rites are carried out in the sacred grove where, incidentally, all snakes and fish in the river are respected, for they are believed to embody the souls of human beings.

The interesting rites by which Jaba boys are initiated into the mystery of the *ku* have already been fully described (see page 65).

The Jaba appear to have been worshippers of the Sun.

JABA (Kwoi dialect, per Garuba)

1. Head	ritsi	ɾitsi
2. Hair	khi	xi
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3. Eye	su	su
Two eyes	suko fani	sukɔ fani
4. Ear	zanto	zantõ
Two ears	zantõ ka fani	zantõ kə fani
5. Nose	fwik (i.e. bilabial f)	ɸwɪk (i.e. bilabial f)
6. One tooth	izhi wo zini	ɪʒi wo zɪni
Five teeth	izhi yuto	ɪʒi juto (the t is palatalized)
7. Tongue	lem	lɛm
8. Neck	tõ	tõ
9. Breast (woman's)	imbâ	ɪmbã
10. Heart	chu	tʃu
11. Belly	hwiya	hwija